




# FRAME-UP

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The man you will see  
today, will be executed  
*in 15 days!*

None!

Any chance for a  
reprieve?




I'll tell you right now — *I don't like* religious phonies!

That's funny... Jesus didn't like them either.


**Don't try preaching to me!**  
The only thing I'll say to you is that I was framed, do you understand?



A black and white comic book panel. On the left, a man in a dark hoodie is seen from the back, looking towards a man in a suit on the right. The man in the suit is speaking.

I was innocent, and a stupid broad framed me —like *nobody* was ever framed!

May I tell you about the biggest frame-up in history?

A black and white comic book panel showing a close-up of a man's face. He has a serious, somewhat angry expression with furrowed brows and a slight frown. He is wearing a collared shirt.

I guess so. Yeah —okay, let's hear about it. I got the time.

Almost 2000 year ago, there was this Jesus who was making waves around Jerusalem... He had raised Lazarus from the dead... He healed the deaf, blind, drunkards and addicts. He even forgave prostitutes.



Jesus became a threat to the religious system, so they tried to set Him up by asking Him tricky questions. Jesus always outsmarted them.

They thought He was muscling in on their operation.



Right!

There was an old man, named Annas, who hated Jesus. He was the big man in Jerusalem. His word was law!



Annas was a sadducee, who didn't believe in life after death.

Annas was once the high priest of the Jews. Five of his sons followed their father as high priests and now his son-in-law Caiaphas held that position.



What's wrong, Annas?

How could Jesus raise a man from the dead? He's embarrassed me and mocked my faith. I'll never forgive Him.


Annas has his own thing going.  
His corrupt organization was selling  
cows and sheep for sacrifice in the  
temple (the big religious center).  
They brought big prices.

They also made out when they  
converted Roman money into Jewish  
currency. Annas had it made.





Then one day, Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple.



You'll not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!

Annas was furious!  
He gave the order:

Jesus must die!

Because of His miracles, the people looked to Jesus as their Messiah, who would restore Israel to a position of power, and give them relief from the Roman oppressors.

Jesus refused to be crowned King. He said His kingdom was not of this world.



Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, figured he was on the wrong bandwagon. After all, he had followed Jesus hoping to get power and money in this life!

If Jesus is only going to set up a spiritual kingdom. Judas was going to make something off the time he spent with Jesus



He headed for the high priest!

This was what Annas was waiting for —a traitor!



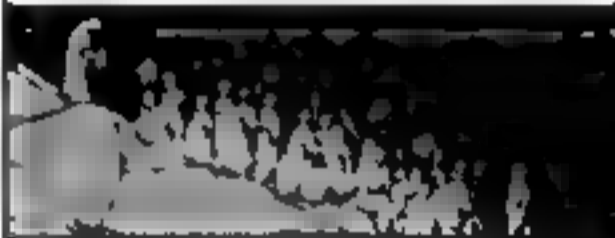
Judas sold out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver

After midnight, while Jesus was praying Judas led the police and soldiers to arrest his best friend.



Judas was responsible for the greatest double-cross in history

Now get this no warrant for His arrest —also no charges



His arrest was made at night, which was a violation of Jewish law

"Let a capital offense be tried during the day, but suspend at night"

The Mega-Trajectory of Jesus by Earl Wingo Check Page

Guess where they took Him first?



To that good, old politician Annas  
His deadliest enemy —another  
violation of Jewish law

"An accused man shall never  
be subject to private or secret  
examination"

One of Annas' petty officers  
didn't like the way Jesus  
answered one of the questions  
and struck Him in the face



He was then taken to the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court, unlawfully assembled around 2 AM. The religious leaders were secretly ordered to gather by Annas.

Only those who could be counted on were invited. Twenty three of them were just enough to constitute a quorum. Incidentally, none of Jesus' friends were invited.

It was a prejudiced court  
Even before the trial.



They considered Him guilty!



Two false witnesses were brought in.  
Their stories didn't jibe

Jesus was allowed no defense!

Caiaphas the high priest, (the son-in-law of Annas) put on a good show!



**Blasphemer!**

When Jesus had admitted He was the Son of God, Caiaphas screamed that He was worthy of death. At long last they came up with a charge - blasphemy!

They took Him to the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate (a man who is worried about his job) They wanted him to pass a sentence of death on Jesus —but he refused



Pilate acquitted Jesus *four* times

Pressures were put upon Pilate for fear of a riot. He gave Jesus over to the howling mob.



There were eighteen serious law violations committed in order to railroad Jesus to His death.



He was beaten by Pilate's order  
and forced to carry a heavy cross  
on His bleeding back



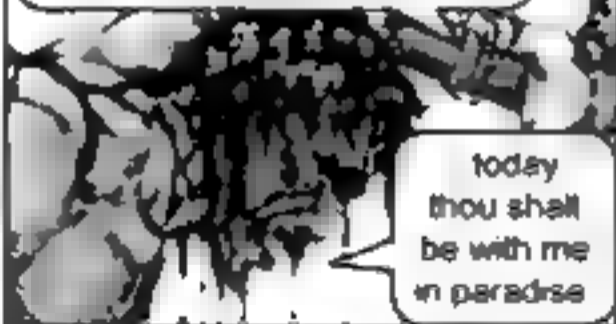
The Bible says the crowds plucked  
the beard off His face \* Also He was  
more marred than any man \*\*

\*Isaiah 50:6

\*\*Isaiah 52:14

At His execution one of the convicts  
hanging next to Him said

Lord remember me when thou  
comest into thy kingdom!



today  
thou shalt  
be with me  
in paradise

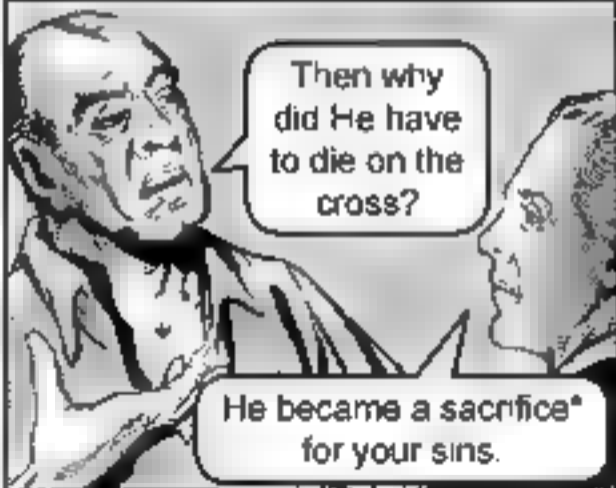
In his last hours a condemned  
criminal was saved

“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not” John 1:10



The Creator of the universe died a criminal's death.

Three days later He rose from the dead, and later returned to heaven.



Then why did He have to die on the cross?

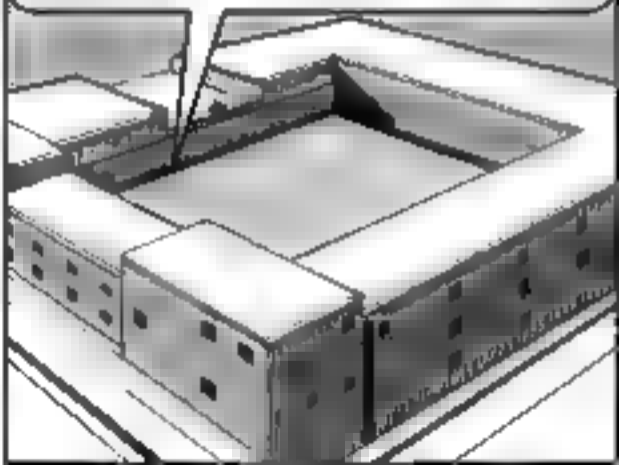
He became a sacrifice\* for your sins.

\*Hebrews 9:22

That blood He shed was for you to wash away your sins. Look if you got out again, no one would ever forget about your prison record!



But when you accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour as far as God is concerned the record is wiped clean —no matter what you've done.



The Lord Jesus has a special love for convicts. Some of His disciples had prison records, and most of them were executed.

The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."<sup>\*</sup>

\*John 3:16

If anybody loved me that much, to lay down His life for me, I'd be nuts to die in my sins. I want the Lord Jesus as my Saviour.



Lord Jesus, forgive my sins and come into my heart.



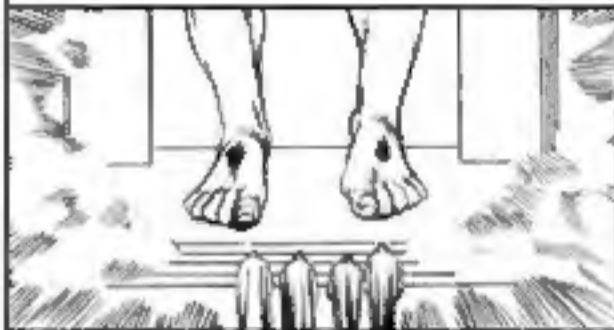
Your name is *now* in the *book of life!*

I wonder what Judas, Caiaphas, Annas, Pilate and the 23 Sanhedrin members will say when they face the Lord Jesus Christ as their judge?



You don't have to face Him as judge —not if you receive Him as your personal Saviour.

Those who died in their sins will appear before the Lord Jesus on doomsday!



“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”  
Revelation 20:15

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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